

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL NOTE

SB 37 – HB 282

February 9, 2015

SUMMARY OF BILL: The bill grants concurrent jurisdiction to the Attorney General along with the appropriate District Attorney General over criminal investigations in cases involving corruption of a public official and misuse of public office by a public official.

The bill authorizes the Attorney General, with consent of a District Attorney General, to specially appoint an assistant district attorney employed by the district attorney to conduct specific criminal proceedings, including grand jury proceedings.

The bill defines “public official” to mean any elected person in the executive, legislative, or judicial branch of the state or any political subdivision thereof.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

Assumptions:

- Statistics from the Department of Correction show that there is a ten-year average of 1.3 admissions for misconduct by public officials under Title 39, Chapter 16, Part 4. The bill will not increase the number of investigations or convictions for misuse of public office. It authorizes the Attorney General to investigate along with the appropriate District Attorney General.
- The bill will not significantly impact the Attorney General’s or District Attorneys General Conference’s caseloads and can be handled without any additional appropriations.
- The Attorney General reports that the impact of the proposed legislation is indeterminable because of too many unknown factors.

CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in dark ink, reading "Jeffrey L. Spalding".

Jeffrey L. Spalding, Executive Director

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